

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner requests that Applicants identify where in the specification examining of the “body” of an e-mail message for keywords is described. Support for examining the “body” can be found on page 29, lines 15-21 of the specification.

Claims 1-2, 4 and 7 stand rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over Nicholls (US Patent No. 6,662,232) in view of Miloslavsky (US Patent No. 6,732,156). In response, Applicants amended independent claims 1 and 7 to clarify that the program loading means has handler programs including a program that displays a notification dialog box when the apparatus/program is restarted, based on the keyword extracted by the key information extraction means, and respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the handler programs include a program that displays a notification dialog box when a message processing apparatus is restarted. Similarly, independent claim 7 is amended to clarify that the handler programs include a program that displays a notification dialog box when the computer program is re-launched. As shown in the flowcharts of Figs. 13-19, and the related description in Applicant’s specification, when a received message containing a keyword such as “urgent” or “must-see” is left unopened, a recipient will be notified of the unopened message the next time the recipient launches an application program (e-mail client). Nicholls and Miloslavsky, and hence their combination, both fail to teach or suggest this feature.

More specifically, Nicholls merely teaches a system and method for re-transmitting an e-mail message transmitted from a sender to a recipient based upon predetermined criteria. Fujiwara has a download module on the client computer that performs a comparison procedure between an update program listed on the network page on the software program currently installed on the client computer. If a matching version of the update program currently exists on the client computer, then no installation procedure is required. If a matching version of the update program does not exist on the client computer, then the download module responsively transfers the update program from a distributed network to the client computer. Since both of the cited references fail to disclose or suggest handler programs including a program that displays a notification dialog box when a messaging processor apparatus is restarted, as recited in claim 1, or a computer program is launched again, as recited in claim 7, that are based on the keyword extracted by a key information extraction means, withdrawal of the §103 rejection of claims 1-2, 4 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nicholls (US Patent No. 6,662,232) and Miloslavsky (US Patent No. 6,732,156), and further in view of Fujiwara (US Patent No. 6,301,710). In response, Applicants traverse this rejection for the reasons recited above to overcome the rejections of independent claim 1.

Fujiwara is directed to a system and method for creating a substitute registry when automatically installing an update program. Download modules on computer systems

automatically access and download update programs from a distributed network. Install modules then automatically create unique substitute registries corresponding to the downloaded update programs. However, Fujiwara does not teach or suggest handler programs that include a program that displays a notification dialog box when a message processing apparatus is restarted based on the keyword extracted by the key information extracted means, as now recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, the combination of Nicholls, Miloslavsky and Fujiwara also fails to disclose the above feature. For this reason, withdrawal of the §103 rejection of claims 5-6 is respectfully requested.

New claims 8-9 are added for consideration. Applicants earnestly solicit allowance of these claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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